

CLAIMS

1. An electrical steel sheet for a low-noise transformer, characterized by having a viscoelastic layer 30  $\mu\text{m}$  or more in thickness on at least one of the surfaces of the steel sheet.
2. An electrical steel sheet for a low-noise transformer, according to claim 1, having an viscoelastic layer whose loss factor has one or more peaks at temperatures within the range from 20 to 200°C.
3. A low-noise transformer formed by using an electrical steel sheet for a low-noise transformer according to claim 1 or 2.
4. A low-noise transformer characterized in that the transformer core formed by laminating n pieces of electrical steel sheets has viscoelastic layers 30  $\mu\text{m}$  or more in thickness placed at m gaps among the n-1 gaps of laminated layers, m satisfying the following formula:
$$3 \leq (n-1)/m \leq 30.$$
5. A low-noise transformer characterized by inserting viscoelastic layers, at random, in a core formed by using an electrical steel sheet for a low-noise transformer according to claim 1 or 2.